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SUMMARY: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS PROVIDED CONCERNING DESIRE GOK ESTABLISH TECHNICAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL WITH USG ASSISTANCE. SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE BY EMBASSY CONCERNING USG ACTIONS OVER NEXT THIRTY DAYS. ADDITIONAL REQUEST BY GOK FOR AID IN INSTITUTING TECHNICAL TRAINING PROGRAM WITHIN NEXT 90 DAYS FOR 200 GOK MILITARY PERSONNEL IS DESCRIBED AND DISCUSSED. END SUMMARY.

1. REFTEL (A) ADVISED OF KUWAITI MINDEF REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL TRAINING SCHOOL. REFTEL (B) INDICATED DOD WILLINGNESS ASSIST BUT REQUESTED MORE DETAILED INFO BEFORE FIELDING SAMLL TEAM TO HELP DEVELOP SCOPE PROJECT. REFTEL (C) PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND REQUESTED DOD TEAM VISIT KUWAIT IN NOVEMBER.

2. DISCUSSIONS WITH GOK ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL HAVE PROVIDED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PROPOSED TRAINING CENTER.

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(A) MISSION STATEMENT:

TRAIN MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE IN BASIC TECHNICAL SKILLS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF KUWAIT ARMED FORCES.

(B) DESIRED PRODUCT AFTER TRAINING:

A SOLDIER, SAILOR, OR AIRMAN WHO IS TECHNICALLY COMPETENT AT A BASIC LEVEL AND WHO IS CAPABLE OF ABSORBING FURTHER TECHNICAL TRAINING CONDUCTED IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AT FOREIGN (US/UK) MILITARY TECHNICAL TRAINING SCHOOLS.

(C) TRAINEE INPUT: SCHOOL SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF ACCEPTING AN INPUT OF 500 STUDENTS PER YEAR. TRAINEES WILL BE NEW RECRUITS, BETWEEN 15 AND 20 YEARS OF AGE, WITH 6 TO 8 YEARS OF EDUCATION IN KUWAIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS. ENGLISH IS TAUGHT IN THESE SCHOOLS, BUT PROFICIENCY ATTAINED IS NORMALLY BELOW ANY USEABLE LEVEL. THE KUWAIT ARMED FORCES HAVE NO CONTINUING RECRUITING PROGRAM, RECRUITING WHEN AND AS NEEDED. THERE IS NO APTITUDE OR ACHIEVEMENT TESTING OF ANY KIND. INITIAL TERM OF SERVICE IS 5 YEARS. RETENTION IS EXPECTED (BY KUWAITIS) TO BE HIGH.

(D) GENERAL NATURE OF TRAINING DESIRED:

KUWAITI MILITARY DESIRES DURING FIRST THREE TO FOUR MONTHS TO COMBINE RECRUIT TRAINING, ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING AND SOME UNDEFINED AMOUNT OF GENERAL EDUCATION SUCH AS SCIENCE. THEREAFTER, TRAINING WOULD BE PRIMARILY TECHNICAL WITH SOME CONTINUING MILITARY TRAINING. DESIRED SECOND PHASE IS ESTIMATED TO BE 8-9 MONTHS DURATION. TECHNICAL COMPETENCY ATTAINED SHOULD -- I.E. FOR AN AUTOMOBILE MECHANIC, ABILITY TO PERFORM A MINOR TUNE-UP UNDER GENERAL SUPERVISION -- WITH SIMILAR COMPETENCY DESIRED IN OTHER FIELDS.

(E) LOCATION:

TRAINING CENTER IS NOT DEFINITELY SITED; HOWEVER, IT WILL BE IN/ NEAR KUWAIT CITY. AVAILABILITY OF ELECTRIC POWER (220V 50 CYCLE) WATER, ROADS AND TELEPHONE SERVICE MAY BE ASSUMED. SEWAGE SERVICE NOT DEFINITELY KNOWN.

(F) FACILITIES REQUIRED:

(1) CLASSROOMS/WORKSHOPS AS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION (2) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES/FACILITIES AS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT TRAINEES AND STAFF (3) TROOP SUPPORT FACILITIES.

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TRAINEES ARE TO BE BILLETED AND FED AT TRAINING CENTER. TWO LEVELS OF BILLETING FACILITIES ARE DESIRED; ONE FOR NEW RECRUITS AND ONE FOR TRAINEES IN THE SECOND PHASE OF TRAINING. FAMILY QUARTERS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED FOR EITHER TRAINEES OR STAFF. TROOP RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WILL BE REQUIRED INCLUDING A SWIMMING POOL. BOQ AND BEQ FACILITIES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE MILITARY STAFF FOR USE IN QUOTE EMERGENCIES UNQUOTE.

(4) MEDICAL/DENTAL: DISPENSARY REQUIRED.

(5) SPECIAL: FACILITIES TO MAKE ALL REQUIRED TEXT MATERIALS ARE DESIRED, INCLUDING PRINTING AND GRAPHIC ARTS.

(G) SKILLS REQUIRED: SKILLS REQUIRED TO BE TAUGHT ARE STATED AS ALL SKILLS REQUIRED BY THE ARMED FORCES TO INCLUDE METAL TRADES, WOOD-WORKING, CONSTRUCTION, AUTOMOTIVE, ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONIC AND CLERICAL.

(H) DISTRIBUTION OF TRAINEES BY SKILLS: DISTRIBUTION BY SKILLS IS POORLY DEFINED. KUWAITI ARMED FORCES DO NOT HAVE MANNING DOCUMENTS WITH ANY USEFUL BREAKOUT OF SKILLS REQUIRED.

(I) DESIRED DATE TO BE IN OPERATION: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. OUR DISCUSSIONS REVEAL THE ASSISTANCE DESIRED BY KAF IS EVERYTHING WHICH NEEDS BE DONE TO ESTABLISH SUCH A SCHOOL INCLUDING: (A) DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES (B) EQUIPPING THE FACILITIES (C) DESIGN OF THE PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION (D) FURNISHING OF INSTRUCTORS (E) MANAGEMENT OF THE PROJECT. KAF ALSO DESIRES THE OVERALL PLAN TO INCLUDE A GRADUAL PHASEOUT OF US PERSONNEL OVER A PERIOD ESTIMATED TO BE THREE YEARS (AFTER ENTRANCE OF FIRST CLASS).

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4. ADDITIONALLY, GOK NOW ADVISES AIR FORCE CURRENTLY HAS 200 MEN TO BE TRAINED WHO HAVE COMPLETED RECRUIT TRAINING. THESE MEN ARE AVAILABLE NOW, AND REPRESENT IMMEDIATE AND PRESSING

PROBLEM SINCE KAF HAS NO WAY TO EFFECTIVELY TRAIN THEM. GOK DESIRES USG ASSISTANCE. CLASSROOMS ARE AVAILABLE BUT NO SHOPS AND NO ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TRAINING MATERIALS. TWENTY NCO'S WHO ARE RECENT GRADUATES OF TECHNICAL TRAINING IN PAKISTAN WITH MODEST ENGLISH AND TECHNICAL BACKGROUND CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST WITH THIS EFFORT.

5. EMBASSY APPRECIATES PAST EFFORTS BY DOD TO BE RESPONSIVE GOK REQUIREMENTS. IN THIS INSTANCE, WE BELIEVE IT NECESSARY TO ENSURE GOK FULLY UNDERSTANDS MAGNITUDE OF PROPOSED PROJECT BEFORE ANY DETAILED FMS CASE PREPARATION IS UNDERTAKEN. RECOMMEND FOLLOWING COURSE ACTION, IF DEPARTMENT AND DOD CONCUR:

A) DOD PROVIDE AND EMBASSY DISCUSS WITH MINDEF ORDER OF MAGNITUDE COST ESTIMATES FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF PROPOSED TECHNICAL TRAINING SCHOOL, INCLUDING SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES IF POSSIBLE.

B) ASSUMING THAT MINDEF AGREES TO THE SCOPE OF THE EFFORT, DOD PROVIDE AND EMBASSY CONVEY IN WRITING TO MINDEF INDICATION OF WILLINGNESS DOD SEND TEAM TO KUWAIT TO ASSEMBLY THE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION REQUIRED TO DEFINE REQUIREMENTS WELL ENOUGH TO PERMIT DESIGN OF REQUIRED FACILITIES, ETC.

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C) BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS ABOVE TEAM, DOD CONSIDER PREPARATION OF FORMAL LETTER OF OFFER OF ASSISTANCE FOR PROPOSED PROJECT.

6. THE PROBLEM OF THE 200 MEN ALREADY ON HAND IS MORE DIFFICULT. TO COMMENCE ANY EFFORT WITHIN 90 DAYS WOULD REQUIRE A TAILORED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FIELD TEAM (TAFT), THE COMPOSITION AND EQUIPPING OF WHICH WE ARE NOT ABLE TO SPECIFY AT THIS TIME. IS DOD WILLING TO UNDERTAKE THIS TASK? RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT AND DOD DISCUSS WITH AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS DURING PLANNED CONSULTATIONS WASHINGTON OCTOBER 14-18. IF DECISION MADE THAT WE ATTEMPT BE RESPONSIVE, I.E. PROVIDE A TAFT, AGAIN RECOMMEND AS FIRST STEP WE DISCUSS WITH MINDEF COST ESTIMATES.

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